

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-0494

Piney Run Farm

4242 Mt. Zion Road

Upperco, Baltimore County

1859

Private

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This Greek-Revival-style building was constructed in 1859 fronting east on a sloping lot with a pond to the southeast and outbuildings to the north. Constructed with coursed rubble stone, the dwelling stands three-stories high and five-bays wide with a hipped, metal standing seam roof. Four 6/6 windows flank the central entry on the first-story of the façade. The single-leaf entry has a paneled wood door with three-light paneled sides and a nine-light transom. The door is treated with molded wood surrounds and molded, paneled soffits. The second-story is pierced with five 6/6 windows with 2/2 sidelights flanking the central window. On the third-story, five three-light awning windows pierce the frieze. The central window on this level has one-light sidelights. All of the windows have molded wood surrounds and square-edged sills. The windows on the first two stories have stone lintels. The main block also features two central-interior brick chimneys and an interior-end brick chimney that have all been rebuilt. A two-story coursed rubble stone ell projects to the rear. Flanking the main block are two wing additions that are wood frame structures clad in weatherboard siding. The south wing has a hipped roof and was built circa 1990 while the north wing has a gabled roof and was built circa 1950. There are twelve historic dependencies and two non-historic dependencies associated with this property.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Joshua Fowble House
other Piney Run Farm (preferred)

2. Location

street and number 4242 Mount Zion Road not for publication
city, town Upperco vicinity
county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Not Available
street and number Not Available telephone Not Available
city, town Not Available state MD zip code Not Available

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber Not Available folio Not Available
city, town Towson tax map 26 tax parcel 26 tax ID number Not Available

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> social
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			Contributing <input type="text" value="13"/> Noncontributing <input type="text" value="1"/>
			<input type="text" value="1"/> buildings
			<input type="text" value="1"/> sites
			<input type="text" value="1"/> structures
			<input type="text" value="1"/> objects
			<input type="text" value="2"/> Total
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<input type="text" value="1"/>

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Located between the main house and the pond is a circa 1830-1840 springhouse set low to the ground. This random rubble stone structure has a front gable roof clad with wood shingles. The entry has square-edged wood surrounds but the single-leaf door is missing.

Located northeast of the main house is a circa 1870 barn. Standing two-and-a-half stories tall, this five-bay wide structure has a random rubble stone foundation and vertical board siding. The standing seam metal-clad side gable roof has a square cupola with a wood-shingled pyramidal roof and bracketed eaves. Four vertical board sliding doors pierce the façade.

There are four outbuildings that date to circa 1920-1930. The first is a one-and-a-half story smokehouse with a concrete block foundation and board-and-batten siding. The structure features a front gable roof clad in standing seam metal, an interior-end brick chimney, and a single-leaf vertical board door. There is a six-light casement in the gable end and shed roof addition on the rear. Two animal shelters are located north of the main dwelling. Both have wood post foundations, beaded vertical board siding, and uneven gable roof clad in metal standing seam. Also, they are open on one side. Next to these shelters is a poultry shelter that is now used as a machine shed. It features a shed, metal standing seam roof, beaded vertical board siding and a poured concrete foundation.

Within the clustered outbuildings there are six structures that date to circa 1950. The stable, garage, and animal shelter all have concrete block foundations and gabled roofs. The stable and the animal shelter are clad in vertical board siding while the garage has concrete block construction. Additionally, there is a gabled wagon shed with board-and-batten siding and a beaded, vertical-board-clad shed with a shed roof and concrete

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foundation. The silo is a cylindrical concrete structure with metal bands and stands roughly forty-five-feet tall. The silo is not capped.

The non-contributing outbuildings include a pool and a greenhouse. The kidney-shape pool is located close to the house with a stone platform and wood fence. The greenhouse is a metal frame structure with a glass façade and plastic cladding. This tear-drop shape building has a poured concrete foundation.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1859-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1859, 1950 ca., 1990 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Hampstead Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since their construction beginning in 1859, the house and outbuildings that comprise Piney Run Farm have been associated with the acreage known as 4242 Mt. Zion Road in the Fifth District of Baltimore County.

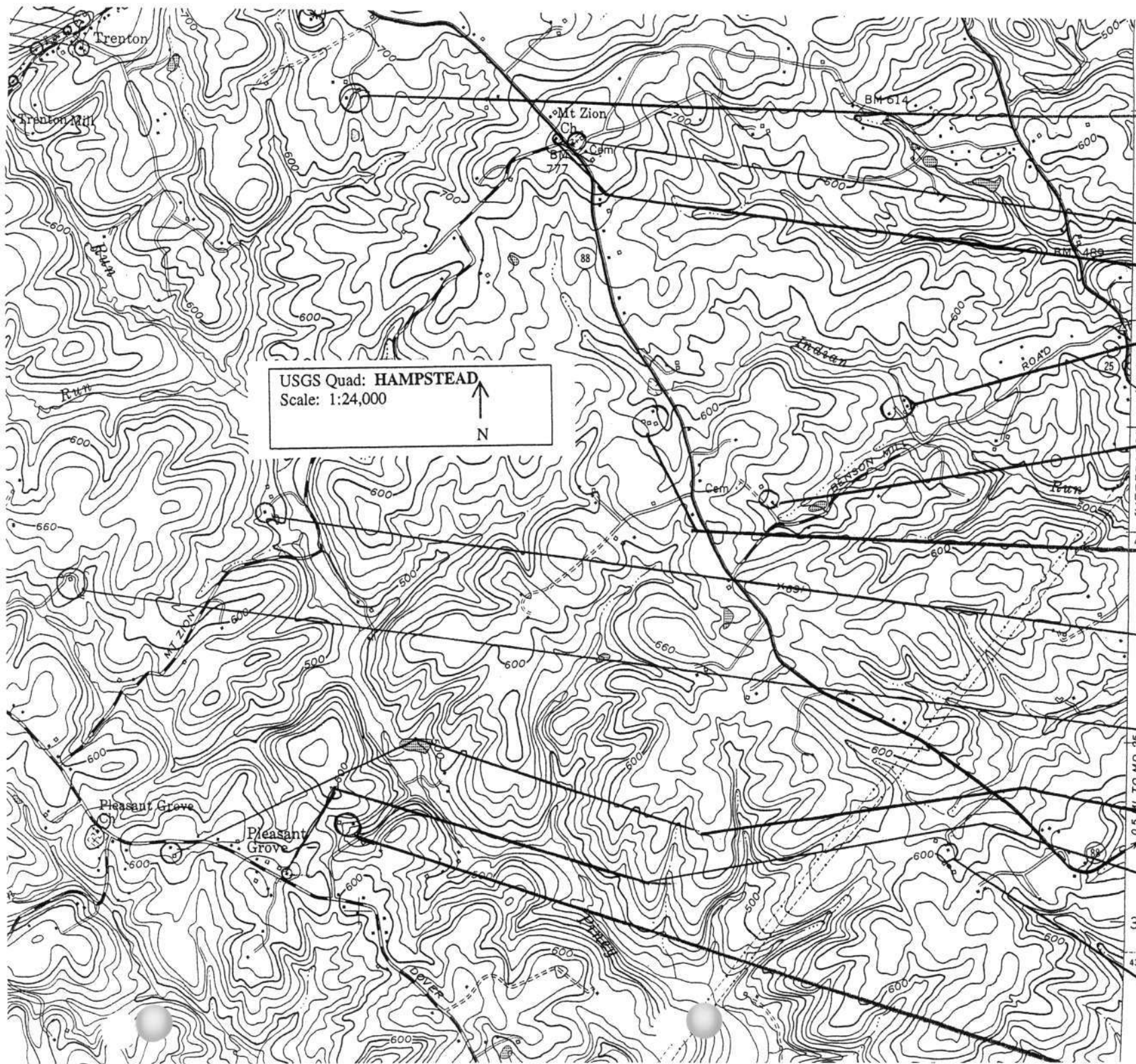
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city or town	Washington	state	DC

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3600 BLACK ROCK
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BA-0488
3220 BENSON MILL ROAD
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3426 BENSON MILL RD
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15627 DARK HOLLOW ROAD
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PINEY RUN FARM - 1840-42 - (North side of) 4224 Mount Zion Road, 0.9 mile east of Dover Road. The Joshua Fowble house of 1850 map and 1877 atlas. Large, formal stone house, 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ stories; eyebrow windows set in a wide white frieze of frame under a dentiled cornice; hip roof; English basement with windows above ground; center entrance hall. Also frame wings of two stories each. Numerous frame stables and barns painted in cream color; property bounded by split-rail fence. Owner's at time of 1971 tour book, Dr. and Mrs. Gifford B. Pinchot. Owner: Charles M. Lott (1978).